



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 24 BJ 2008

SPECIAL ELECTION - PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

- WHEREAS,** a vacancy occurred on May 1, 2008, in the office of coroner, parish of Lafourche, due to the resignation of the Honorable Dr. Coleridge T. Franklin, Jr., under R.S. 18:583(C);
- WHEREAS,** on May 30, 2008, the Lafourche Parish Council adopted a resolution calling a special election; however, the call was made after the ten day period specified in R.S. 18:602(E)(2)(a) expired;
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 18:602(E)(2)(a) requires the governor to issue a proclamation calling a special election if the governing authority fails to issue such a proclamation within ten days after the vacancy occurs; and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 18:602 mandates that the governor shall call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office where the unexpired term exceeds one (1) year in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:602(E)(2)(a) and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402;
- NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1:** A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the parish of Lafourche for the purpose of electing a coroner to fill a vacancy in the office.
- SECTION 2:** Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461, *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2008.
- SECTION 3:** The special elections shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*
- SECTION 4:** The primary election shall be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008, and the general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at the times and places, and in the manner, prescribed by law.
- SECTION 5:** The secretary of state, commissioner of elections, parish board of supervisors, clerk of court, registrar of voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the parish of Lafourche, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct said special elections, to cause the returns thereof to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results thereof, and to perform all related and incidental functions thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 18th day of June, 2008.

/S/ Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE

